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January 8, 2002

Renata Hesse
Trial Attorney
Department of Justice
601 D Street NW, Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20530

Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Attorney Hesse:

Thank you for your public service and your work on behalf of the federal government.

I am writing you today to offer my support of the current settlement proposed in the Microsoft case. I understand you are now accepting public comment and wish to submit my support.

As our nation's economy continues in a downturn, many are out of work and families are doing more with less. Here in New Hampshire, I am working with my colleagues in the state legislature to find new and innovative ways to wisely spend the money we have and avoid needless spending in areas that do not have an impact on the public good.

I am concerned that if we continue to pursue the government's case against Microsoft, we are further impeding in the area of technology and making it less and less attractive for investment in this industry both by consumers and in the financial markets. We cannot afford to have this happen. We need to encourage investment in order to spur an upturn in the economy.

By approving the settlement in this case, you will be benefitting just about everyone except the small group of Microsoft's competitors who have been pushing this case from the beginning. But, it is not the government's role to do their bidding, they need to compete in the marketplace by offering comparable products.

I hope you will accept the settlement and end the government's involvement in the operations of one of our nation's most exciting companies. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John T. Gallus".

John T. Gallus
Member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives
Coos County, District 7

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